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A Lesson for Congress.

The same day that brings us news of the greatest spread of typhoid fever informs us also that one of the twenty-nine beds of the filtration plant is to be opened for use. Within two months twenty-five of these beds are to be finished so that the whole water supply of the District may be filtered free of germs. Every energy is being strained to hasten that condition. While the city laments the origination of thirty-three new cases in one day, therefore, it has the reassurance that the causes which have produced that dreadful result are being eradicated as rapidly as possible.

Now that the filtration beds have come, Congress will regard them with mixed emotions. Its broad and far-sighted members must certainly regret that they were not ready years before. Its narrow and astigmated members are certain to regard them as a liberal condescension. It would be well for both groups to reflect that the lack of these beds has produced an epidemic in Washington hardly less capable of great disaster than the spread of yellow fever in the South and quite as easily avoided.

The Times has said more than once that the District's partnership with Congress is the best solution of the difficulties incident to its peculiar position. It is not fair that half the real property of the District should go untaxed. There is no rational means of paying taxes on that property save by act of Congress. But it would seem at times like this—that when nearly 300 families are suffering intensely and the whole community is frightened—that Congress might learn the lesson that it cannot toy with the welfare of a great city, a city of 300,000 souls which is also the capital of the nation, for the sake of saving money on a general policy of "retrenchment."

The taxes of the District of Columbia, whether obtained from non-governmental property or from that property which is held in fee by the National Government, have no part in general policies of "retrenchment." They are funds designed solely for the maintenance of the District government and for the protection of the people of that government. Once Congress learns this lesson and acts upon it, there will be no more avertible epidemics like that which now dismays the whole community.

Libel as "Romance."

A current magazine is publishing a romantic history of John Paul Jones, which contains so much romance and so little history that it seems to warrant a mild protest. There may be some excuse for "padding out" the obscured phases in the life of such a man as Paul Jones and making the story round and complete; but the phases that are historically established ought not to be distorted, especially when that distortion is to the disadvantage of the hero and calculated to bring his name into contempt.

There has been, for instance, a thorough investigation of the story which involved the legitimacy of Jones' parentage. The most thorough inquiry, based on an ample supply of satisfactory historic materials, has led to the conclusion that the imputations against the character of Jones' mother were a cruel injustice. It is difficult to imagine a more inexcusable injustice than to perpetuate a reflection against the good name of a woman who gave to the nation one of the heroes of its war for independence. Yet this old and exploded story is solemnly asserted by the romantic writer referred to, as if it were authenticated history.

And the same writer does Jones the injustice of reshaping the allegation that he ordered a man to be flogged so severely that the man died of the injuries. This especially has been disproved by the authority of almost every witness who could possibly have had knowledge. Jones himself in his later years devoted himself to getting together the proofs, and he made them as complete as any court could ask to warrant it in directing a verdict. The man was flogged, indeed; that was the custom of the times and the service; but he did not die of the flogging. He was afterward transferred to another vessel, and there, a long time afterward, died of an entirely unrelated cause.

The liberties which the so-called romantic writers too often use with the reputations of people whose misfortune it is that they cannot defend

their reputations, ought not to reach to such lengths as these. The public is entitled to have its idols; certainly its benefactors are not entitled to have their very prominence and patriotic services made the inspiration to such vilification in order to "spice up" a cheap narrative that poses as having an accurate historical background. It ought to be possible for posterity to collect damages in the name of the victim, under the libel laws.

The Great What-Is-It?

Of course it was bound to come. The only question was whether it would come via the Tokyo Yellow Peril, the Athens Hol Polioi, the Constantinople Atrocity, or some other journal of equal enterprise. It came, as a matter of fact, from the Echo de Paris, which only goes to show that the unexpected sometimes may or may not happen.

Reference is had, as all the world will know, to that epoch-making conference aboard the Polar Star. It appears now that the Czar and the Kaiser were not the only persons present. One Admiral Birleff, the Russian minister of marine, was along. And Admiral Birleff told a friend, who told the Echo de Paris, who published this interesting story for our information and delight:

Early in the morning after the interview on board the Hohenzollern the Kaiser repaired to the Polar Star and remained closeted with the Czar for two hours and a half.

Then Admiral Birleff was summoned and spent a few minutes exchanging the amenities of the weather with the sovereigns. At length the Czar said to him, indicating a document on the table: "Alexis Alexievitch, be so good as to sign this paper."

As the admiral started to comply he noticed that the paper was so folded that its contents were hidden from him. He also discerned upon the new blotting pad the reversed signatures of both Czar and Kaiser.

In relating these circumstances later his friend, he added: "That was the first time I have ever signed a document without being aware of its contents." Here you are now! The great international What-Is-It? You pay your money and you take your choice! Come one; come all! Spin the wheel and it will answer all questions as to fate, fortune and future!

The New York Times and the Gil Blas, of Paris, agree that this probably foretells the establishment of William's second son as King of Norway. Maybe it does. We profess to no knowledge of gambling games. But if we were asked our own private opinion, not for publication and above everything else not to be used in fomenting quarrels between friendly nations, we should say that the whole transaction has the appearance of a friendly loan between gentlemen secured by a perfunctory I. O. U.

Oyama heads the list of the powers which are exerting pressure in favor of peace.

Lieutenant Fortescue is in Paris on leave of absence. He should acquire a carbuncle and join John Hyde.

Munich used 100 gallons of alcoholic liquor per capita last year and never batted an eye at typhoid fever.

The Springfield (Mass.) Union in a serious editorial defends the umpire. Never did think Massachusetts was very loyal to American traditions.

Splendid progress is being made in the direction of not getting those street intersection signs erected.

Japan's demands are said to menace America. Yes, if America loans Russia the money.

Major Taggart says he once believed everything Mrs. Taggart told him. It must have kept him busy.

The splendid courage of those New Orleans people who will let the mosquitoes bite them for science's sake doesn't especially startle those of us who have had the Potomac bottoms skelter eat us up without getting credit for martyrdom.

If the army's strategists think a Taggart reconciliation will cause everybody to forget those edifying stories about army society, they are in danger of losing an engagement.

The visiting florists are advised not to put their posies into Potomac river water.

It's hard to think of a son of William Waldorf Astor being proud of being an American, but it sounds good.

Another immense find of anthracite having been reported, it will doubtless be necessary further to limit production in order to keep prices up.

When the Chinese boycott reaches the point of refusing our supply of birds' nests for soup, Wu will have won his victory.

If Russia thinks all will be lovely when she has a congress, she should address T. R. Oyster Bay, for important information.

If the Japanese had inserted in their peace terms that Tokyo should remain Japanese, the Russians would have objected.

Mrs. Bennett, of New Haven, wants Mr. Bryan removed from the position of administrator of her husband's estate on the ground of incompetency. For judicial confirmation of her opinion of his incapacity as an administrator she will doubtless cite the 1896 and 1900 returns.

CONTRADICTIONS.

The wilful Girl: Now, who would guess When words are boldest.

And lips have lost all tenderness And eyes are coldest:

'Tis then her rebel heart, indeed, She must put guard on.

Let it flee forth, in tears, to plead For love and pardon?

The gentle Girl: And who would dream When tones are mildest,

And sweet lips smile, and soft eyes beam, That, at its wildest,

Her rebel heart beats in a rage That scarce is human?

Now, read me—lover, poet, sage The riddle—woman!

—Madeline Bridges in Brooklyn Life.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

ETHEL ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

President's Second Daughter Honored at Oyster Bay.

ALL COUSINS WERE PRESENT

Participants Sang, Danced, and Played to Their Hearts' Content—Executive Took Part.

Ethel Roosevelt, the second daughter of the President, celebrated her birthday at Oyster Bay yesterday by first going on a picnic party in which her father, the President, took part. Later in the evening an old-fashioned birthday party was given, when all the Roosevelt cousins attended and danced, sang and played to their hearts' content.

Baron Hengelmüller, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, has left Lenox, where he is spending August, and will visit President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay today. Upon his return to Lenox, he will take possession of the Root cottage, which he has rented for the season.

Baron von Radowitz, attache of the German legation at Pekin, who has been the guest of the German charge at Lenox, has gone to New York.

Among the enthusiastic golfers on the links at Lenox, Switzerland, now are Rear Admiral J. F. Jewell, U. S. N., and Mrs. Jewell. They are also popular in a general social way with visiting Americans.

When Mrs. John Jacob Astor appeared at the Casino, Newport, yesterday morning, for the first time since her arrival in this country, she wore a charming gown of sheer white lawn dotted with lavender, a lavender girdle, and a big white picture hat. She was much admired.

Miss Kate Brice, formerly of Washington, who has just put in an appearance at Newport Casino, wore a stunning frock of pale blue lawn with inserts of white lace, and a white straw hat trimmed with blue ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh gave a large dinner at Newport last evening when a special feature was introduced, being that of a program by colored minstrels.

A man who has just returned from Portsmouth says that the envoys, diplomats and correspondents at that place have experienced much discomfort from swarms of mosquitoes that have swooped down on the high and the low with long bills and much appetite. Peace parleys have their troubles no less renowned than war affairs. Some of the envoys are said to believe that Portsmouth is the greatest place on earth for mosquitoes. While this is rough on the plenipotentiaries, it may have one redeeming feature, viz., that the plague of the pests is likely to compel M. Witte and Mr. Komura to hasten to agree on terms that will end the war, their alacrity of action being caused by the desire to get away from Portsmouth and also from the mosquitoes.

GREAT SEAL ADOPTED BY PHILIPPINE COMMISSION

Insignia With Designs Has Been Received by the Bureau of Insular Affairs.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department is in receipt of a copy of a law passed by the Philippine commission prescribing and adopting the arms and a great seal of the government of the Philippine Islands of the following designs, which were prepared by Mr. Goddard Hunt, of the State Department:

Arms—Paleways of thirteen pieces, argent and gules; a chief azure, over all the arms of Manila, per fess gules and azure; in chief, the Castle of Spain, or doors and windows azure; in base, a scallion, argent, bordered and armed gules; in dexter paw, a sword hilted Crest: The American eagle displayed proper. Beneath a scroll with the words: "Philippine Islands" inscribed thereon. The great seal shall be in circular form, with the arms as described above, but without the scroll and the inscription thereon, and surrounding the whole a double marginal circle, within which shall appear the words: "Government of the Philippine Islands," United States of America, the two phrases being divided by two small five-pointed stars.

ENGINEER BAND CONCERT AT WASHINGTON CIRCLE

The following is the program of the concert at Washington Circle by the United States Engineer Band, Julius Kamper, chief musician, this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock:

March, "The Diplomat".....Sousa  
Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....Suppe  
Cornet solo, "A Musician Asstray in the Forest".....Hermann  
Musicalian Phillips.  
Waltz, "Love Land".....Holzmann  
Selection, "The Sho Gun".....Luders  
March, "Happy Helms".....Lampe  
Excerpts from "Little Johnny Jones".....Cohan

A Hunting Scene (descriptive).Eucelossi  
"Star-Spangled Banner."

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George Egan Crawford, 35, and Maud B. Chatham, 21, both of Loudoun, Va.  
Pierre Taulelle, 23, District of Columbia, and Nora E. Carter, 17, Staunton, Va.

William T. Dixon, 31, and Nellie F. Henderson, 25.  
Benjamin B. Vincent, 27, and Rosina M. Huck, 24.

Frederick G. Berger, Jr., 23, and Elizabeth M. Williams, 22, both of Washington.  
John Jones, 45, and Virginia Burrell, 22.

Thomas E. Langley, 21, and Mary J. Hodges, 21.  
Lewis A. Gardner, 21, and Alma Washington, 21.

Peter Tinsley, 25, and Edna Toler, 22, both of Richmond, Va.  
Joshua B. Collins, 39, and Elmore E. Waldron, 31.

Charles J. Crown, 27, Alachua county, Fla., and Ida Jones, 18, District of Columbia.  
J. H. Bishop, 31, and Edna Jacklin, 19, both of Richmond, Va.



MRS. BASIL GORDON,

A Maryland Woman Well Known in Washington Society Who is Helping to Make Things Lively at Narragansett Pier.

MRS. CROMWELL GOES TO MASSACHUSETTS

Has Dismantled K Street Home Here—Goes Abroad in September for a Year—Judge and Mrs. Anderson Go to Colorado.

Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, who has spent the past week in Washington, closing up her affairs and dismantling the residence she formerly occupied on K street, left the city yesterday for her cottage on the North Shore above Boston.

The latter part of September she will leave for Europe, and will spend the next year abroad with her husband and daughter. This will deprive Washington society of one of its sprightliest members of the ultra smart set, and charity of one of its most prodigious workers.

The residence in K street occupied by the Cromwells is the property of Colonel and Mrs. Hoxey, and was formerly occupied by them, is now undergoing extensive repairs, on the completion of which Colonel and Mrs. Hoxey will again take up their residence there, and their many friends will be glad to learn that they intend to make Washington their permanent winter home.

Judge Thomas H. Anderson, of the District Supreme Court, and Mrs. Anderson, who, with their daughter, Miss Perle Anderson, have been spending some time at Asheville, N. C., have returned to Washington for some weeks before returning to Washington.

Capt. John White Craig has been detailed for duty in Washington, and with Mrs. Craig, who is now the guest of her parents in the West, will add another charming army establishment to the military contingent of the Capital.

M. Cherment, acting first secretary of the Brazilian embassy, has joined the ambassador, Senor Nabuco, in the White Mountains.

Mrs. E. W. Creecy and Donald B. Creecy, of this city, have gone to the White Mountains for August and are spending a few days at the Mt. Pleasant in the Bretton Woods.

Representative and Mrs. James S. Sherman, who are passing the summer at Richfield Springs, N. Y., have as their guest Capt. A. T. Mahan, U. S. N. Captain Mahan delivered an interesting talk last Friday before the conference of Episcopal Church workers.

Rear Admiral Albert Kautz, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Kautz, who have been at Annapolis, Md., are now at the Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge.

George E. Boyd, of Washington, is registered at the Madison Hotel, Asbury Park, N. J. E. M. Wheat, of Washington, is registered at the Metropolitan Hotel.

The following Washington visitors are registered in Paris: J. T. and Miss M. E. Boyle, Miss K. Neale, and Commander Reamy, U. S. N.

Mrs. A. J. Marjoribanks, sister-in-law of Lord Tweedmouth, and daughter of the late Judge Trimble Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., wedded D. M. Hogg, a barrister, in London yesterday.

Miss Hester Reilly has gone to the White Mountains after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Orin Smith, of Chicago, who accompanied her East.

Miss Maybeth E. Richmond, who has been making a visit to the Misses Hardy, of 139 Mr. Royal avenue, Baltimore, has returned to her home in this city.

Miss Mamie Burns has gone to Frederick, Md., for a visit with her friend, Mrs. Thomas G. Buckley.

Dr. and Mrs. Abram Simons and family are spending a few weeks at the Albemarle, Atlantic City.

Mose Coleman and sons and Gus Louis have returned from a trip to Baltimore by water.

Washington people registered in New York include: R. W. Bolling, G. F. Burns, A. B. Coleman, J. L. Dickerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fisher, G. A. Greene, J. M. Hassett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes, L. T. Huxford, H. Pilman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester, R. Lombard, S. A. McNeely, E. R. Putman, H. C. Rothbrock, M. B. Schrader, J. A.

If Sermon's Too Long, Sleep, Says Bishop

Potter Cites Biblical Quotation to Show That Nap Is Justifiable—Twenty Minutes Long Enough for Any Exhortation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Sleep, if the sermon be too long, is justifiable, said Bishop Potter in the Cathedral Crypt of St. John the Divine, where he delivered an address. He also said that to properly hold the attention of an audience a sermon should never last more than twenty minutes.

The bishop took his text from the tenth verse of the twelfth chapter of Acts: "And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep; and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with

sleep, and fell down from the third loft and was taken up dead."

"We can hardly realize," said the bishop, "why, in the tropical temperature of Palestine, people live a very great portion of the time on the housetops. And today we can readily sympathize with them for so doing."

"The young man sat on the roof, probably. He sat there and went to sleep as Paul preached. There is a very fine note in that. The writer does not leave it out. He makes it clear that the young man slept because Paul preached long. With the greatest respect to Paul, the young man had a right to sleep."

J. T. MOORE NAMED FOR STATE SENATE

Chosen at Convention of Montgomery Republicans.

DELEGATES ALSO CHOSEN

Full Ticket Placed Before Voters of the County After a Harmonious Session.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Aug. 15.—The Republican county convention, which met here yesterday, nominated the following ticket:

State Senate—Joseph T. Moore, of Sandy Spring.  
House of Delegates—Frank S. Ward, of Hunting Hill; DeWalt J. Willard, of Poolesville; David H. Fenton, of Kensington, and Charles G. McDonald, of Potomac.

County commissioners—First district, Charles F. Kirk, of Olney; second district, Luther C. Gue, of Damascus; fifth district, Asa M. Stabler, of Spencerville.  
Sheriff—Frank L. Hewie, of Silver Spring.  
County surveyor—George W. Jackson, of Takoma.

Cliff Blair, D. W. Baker, James E. Aytton and John W. Lancaster were named as members of the State central committee. County Chairman Willis E. Burdette will, by virtue of his office, also be a member.

Indorses the Platform.

Before the convention adjourned Hon. Joseph T. Moore, nominee for the State Senate, came into the hall and was called upon for a speech. He addressed the convention briefly, stating that the nomination had come to him unsolicited and against his personal wishes, but, he said, being a thorough Republican, he felt it his duty to respond to the summons of his party. He discussed the platform, indorsed every plank, paying particular attention to the position taken on the liquor question. He pledged himself to use his efforts, if elected, for a continuance of the present prohibition law in the county, and declared that he did not desire election if it

had to be accomplished by the use of whisky and the purchase of votes. Immediately upon adjournment the county committee met and re-elected Willis E. Burdette chairman. He received ten votes to six for D. W. Baker, County Committee.

The county committee, composed of one member from each precinct in addition to the chairman, is as follows: Laytonville, Luther M. Duvall; Clarksburg, John G. Smith; Poolesville, DeWalt J. Willard; Rockville, first precinct, Edward Wood, Jr.; second precinct, Benjamin C. Riggs; Coleville, Fielder C. Marlowe; Darrestown, Harrison G. Ward; Bethesda, Galen L. Talt; Olney, first precinct, Henry H. Miller; second precinct, William E. Brown; Githersburg, Peyton Gordon; Potomac, Robert W. Stone; Barnesville, Henry M. Lindig; Damascus, Columbus F. Putman; Wheaton, first precinct, William C. Dwyer; second precinct, William A. Kroll.

St. Mary Democrats Name County Ticket

LEONARDTOWN, Md., Aug. 15.—The Democratic convention of St. Mary county has nominated the following ticket:

Senator—J. Frank Smith.  
House of delegates—Darby H. Lynch and Edmund J. Glowdon.  
County treasurer—D. O. Lea.  
County commissioners—John C. Cecil and George V. Dent.

The chairman of the convention was J. Marshall Dent.  
Resolutions were adopted favoring the constitutional amendment to disfranchise negroes, opposing the Haman oyster bill, and indorsing the administration of Governor Edwin Warfield.

GERMAN KAISER USED AMERICAN IDIOMS

KASSEL, Prussia, Aug. 15.—Dr. Buerster and Prof. Burgess, president and dean, respectively, of Columbia University, who breakfasted with the emperor at the Castle of Wilhelmshoehe, state that he surprised them by his frequent use of idiomatic American expressions.

FIGHT FOR WORTHLESS DOG COST OVER A THOUSAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—At a cost of nearly \$1,200, Theodore Connes, a restaurateur at 19 Madison street, and Antonio B. Valmer, formerly his chief, have been fighting each other in court for two years for the ownership of a dog worth about 25 cents. The case will be heard by Judge Falcon on September 7.

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

